

**2009-2010 Roster of Institutions Recommended for Fulbright
Fulbright Scholar-in Residence Awards**

Near East

Mary Baldwin College – General Program Characteristics

Region/Country of requested scholar: Algeria or Lebanon

Name of the Scholar: To be recruited

Program Dates: 8/23/09 - 5/20/10

Area of Study: Arabic Literature, Film, Women Studies

Institutional Support: Salary: \$ 1,000

Institutional Support: In-Kind: To be determined

Estimated Fulbright Grant Support: \$ 26,900

Fulbright Travel Cost Coverage: To be determined

This College is a small, private institution established in 1842 and located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, emphasizing strong undergraduate liberal arts programs that serve women. Total enrollment for this year went up to 2,277 and about one third of the student population is African-American. Over the years they have actively engaged in international programs and successfully been awarded with various grants. This has been a strong support for them to build on their continuous efforts of redesigning and developing contemporary education programs offered to their undergraduate students.

Their proposal requests a scholar to be recruited from a Mediterranean Arabic country like Algeria or Lebanon, with a background in literature and film, and with additional interest in women's studies, to develop and teach a three credit undergraduate courses: "*Arabic/Middle Eastern Culture through Film*" during fall semester and "*Modern Arabic Literature in Translation*" in the spring Semester. A one credit colloquium will be developed to teach each semester on *Women's Issues of the Arab World*

The Department of World Languages, Literature and Culture will be the scholar's host department. The Arabic Language program is in its sixth year and several improvements have been made due to the contribution of Arabic scholars who have assisted throughout these six years. To make the program integration process much richer for the overall content of the Arabic language and culture, the institution is looking for a Mediterranean Arab scholar to bring the unique perspective of the Arabs from that part of the world. The scholar is expected to develop a culture course that will be introduced to the curriculum on a regular basis. The college hopes that this might be the seed for the future development of a minor in Middle Eastern Studies. Another goal is to possibly include Arabic as new language across the curriculum, like French and Spanish.

Special activities are and will continue to be prepared to insure that there is an effective community outreach program in place. Professional enrichment for the scholar

is part of the overall goal of the program and financial support will be provided to attend conferences and meetings that might be of interest to the scholar.